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PITTSBURG TO CHANGE

Pittsburg, Pa., April 9.—A committee on municipal affairs of the chamber of commerce, which has spent over a year in thorough study of the local situation and of experiments made elsewhere, will report to the chamber next week in favor of a commission form of city government for Pittsburg. The movement has no direct connection with the graft exposures.

Those conversant with the investigation say the commission will cost the city only about \$100,000, and the new form of government, it is claimed, would save the municipality the size of Pittsburg about \$2,700,000 a year.

MEASLES IS ASSOCIATED WITH SPRING CLEANING

Chicago, April 9.—The advent of spring, the period of house cleaning and measles are associated in the mind of Miss Gertrude E. English, district superintendent of Chicago schools. She reported yesterday that an epidemic of measles was following a winter epidemic of scarlet fever and that about four hundred children, an average of ten for each school were "laid up."

"I always find that measles come about the time of spring housecleaning," Miss English declared. "That is the time when the dust and germs get stirred up."

FRAUD IN TIMBER

LANDS OF WASHINGTON
Olympia, Wash., April 9.—The legislative investigating committee's report to Governor Hayes yesterday states that for years purchasers of state timber lands have systematically plundered the state through the laxity, incompetency or dishonesty of employees of the state land department.

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ment. Nearly 200 cases, the report says, have been found thus far in which the state inspector made erroneous reports of the amount of timber cruised. The evidence collected by the committee will be turned over to the attorney general with recommendations that he take prompt steps to recover the money due to the state.

The system used was simple. Application was made for a tract of land and a state cruiser was sent to inspect the timber. Upon the report of the cruiser, the land commission appraised the land. In many cases, the report says, a fractional part of the actual timber was reported and valuable timber land was sold for a song.

RUELBACH HAS DIPHTHERIA

St. Louis, April 9.—The physician attending the baby of Ruebach of the Chicago National league team, who is ill with diphtheria, announced today that Ruebach had caught the disease.

Ruebach practiced with the local team here Thursday.

SENT ADDERS TO A YOUNG GIRL

Manchester, N. H., April 9.—Two wriggling adders, each nearly twenty-four inches long, were in a paper box which Michael Hassellbar confined to Miss Alice Stuart of this place, with a request to give it to her chum, Miss Rosie Cabana, who had spurned his advances.

Inquisitive members of Miss Stuart's family lifted the cover of the box, which she had taken home after a vain attempt to find Miss Cabana. One of the snakes crawled partly out, but was jammed back, and the box with its contents was rushed to the police station, where the snakes were killed.

Hassellbar was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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MIDNIGHT QUARREL

Guthrie, Okla., April 9.—As a result of a midnight quarrel with Governor Charles N. Haskell in the latter's apartments, concerning which statements conflict, Adjutant General Canton of the Oklahoma National Guard, resigned today.

A revolver was taken from General Canton during the row when mutual friends intervened. Canton declares,

PRESIDENT TAFT'S KEYNOTE SPEECH

Washington, April 9.—President Taft's speech tonight on "Republicanism" before the League of Republican clubs is generally regarded as the first gun in the congressional campaign. The president is expected to tell what a Republican is and define what constitutes Republicanism. The cabinet will be represented as will be Republican organizations of various sections of the country.

JOS. SMITH TO ABDICATE

Kansas City, April 9.—Rumors that Joseph Smith, president and prophet of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will abdicate in favor of his son, Frederick M. Smith, are current here, where the annual conference of the church is in session.

Members of the church hold the opinion that President Smith, who is

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however, that he did not draw the weapon and had no intention of trying to injure the governor.

Governor Haskell stated he would allow the officer to retire.

"Isn't drunkenness enough of a reason for accepting a resignation?" he asked, when pressed for a statement regarding the disagreement. Further than this he would not discuss the affair. General Canton was more communicative.

"I went peacefully to the governor's apartments to talk things over," said Canton today, "and he started a row. He told me to go to a warmer climate, and I did not try to draw my revolver, as reported, although I carry such a weapon as part of my duties. Far from trying to injure the governor, I have saved him several times from being hurt."

Despite the efforts of friends to restore peace, Chief of Police Mitchell said today General Canton would be arrested on charges of disturbing the

SUPPORTERS OF CARDINAL

Rome, April 9.—The Vatican-Roosevelt incident is still causing animated discussion between partisans. The party which has rallied to the support of Cardinal Merry Del Val insists that, it matters not what consequences may ensue, as any other humiliation, as would have been the case had Mr. Roosevelt visited the pontiff and later called on the Methodists simply to demonstrate that he could not be treated as was former Vice-President

78 years old, has found the cares of his office arduous during the last year and desires to retire from active work. Many attending the conference believe he will abdicate before the meeting closes.

The convention recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. Two years ago it was reported he would relinquish control, but he continued to preside. It is said, so that he might bring to conclusions the projects that lay before him when he assumed the leadership.

had any to lose. My hard luck began the day I was born."

"Well, I'm sorry to hear that," I said.

"Yes," he went on, "ye see, sorr, Ol'm a twin brother of Mister Andrew Carnegie, sorr. We was born the same day and the same hour, and but for wan little ting Ol might have been as rich as him."

"You Carnegie's twin brother?" I

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GOLDFIELD HAS A FIRE

Goldfield, Nev., April 9.—The 850-ton mill of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company was damaged by fire to the extent of a quarter of a million dollars last night. Following an explosion in the refinery, where over half a million dollars in bullion was stacked for shipment, the fire spread to a huge conveyor that carried the flames to the sampling department and stamp batteries. At 2 o'clock this morning the fire was gotten under control.

A shutdown of sixty days will be entailed.

TOMMY KNEW.

Boacher (addressing class)—"A philanthropist is a person who exerts himself to do good for his fellow men. Now, if I were wealthy children," she added, by way of illustration, "and gave money freely to all needy and unfortunate who asked my aid, I'd be a philanthropist."

She broke off abruptly to point at a boy in the class.

"What would I be, Tommy?" she asked.

"A cinch!" shouted Tommy.—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

KITCHENER TO BE WELL RECEIVED

West Point, N. Y., April 9.—General Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, who landed on the Pacific coast on Thursday, will probably visit New York and West Point before he sails for England. It is known here that Lord Kitchener has long desired an oppor-

GOVERNOR IN OREGON

San Francisco, April 9.—Pelican lodge, at the head of Klamath lake, in southern Oregon, which the late E. H. Harriman purchased three years ago with a view to making it a summer resort, is to be sold, it is said, to D. C. Jackson and manager of the Utah Copper company and the Ray Consolidated Copper company.

In company with Governor and Mrs. William Spry of Utah, Mr. Jackson arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Jackson admitted that the Pelican lodge deal was nearly completed, but he refused to discuss the terms of the pending sale.

POLISH WRESTLER AN EASY WINNER

Chicago, April 9.—Stanislaus Zyzbisko had an easy time with Carl Winkler in the feature match of the wrestling card at an amusement place last night, as did Yousiff Mahmoud in his bout with Frank Wallace. Winkler defeated Wallace in a good exhibition of wrestling, holding out the first time until floored with a head-thrust hold in 30:28. Zyzbisko took the second in 21:24.

Mahmoud defeated Wallace in short order, putting him down first in 6:09 and following with a half Nelson in 3:02.

CONLEY-WEBSTER FIGHT

Los Angeles, April 9.—Afternoon of April 30th has been selected as the date for the Frankie Conley-Danny

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peace and carrying concealed weapons.

Governor Haskell declined to answer when asked if he sanctioned this latter phase of the trouble.

NEW WHERE THERE WAS ONE.

The father of Senator Dolliver of Iowa was a Methodist circuit rider in the early sixties in Northern West Virginia.

One Sunday morning he was on his fellow trudging along with a maddock appointments when he met a young fellow trudging along with a maddock on his shoulder. Mr. Dolliver, anxious to do good at any time, stopped his horse and said: "Good morning, my son, where are you going this fine day with a maddock on your shoulder?" The young fellow answered, "I am going over here to dig out a

Fairbanks.

The faction hostile to the papal secretary's attitude asks what the Vatican would think if next autumn, when Cardinal Vannutelli, after attending the Eucharistic congress at Montreal, should upon going to the United States be asked to dine with President Taft on the condition that he would not visit the apostolic mission house in Washington directed by Monsignor A. P. Doyle, which mission, like that of the Methodists in Rome, is engaged to converting persons to the faith it represents.

After he had set several dozen bricks in the wall, he turned from his work and gazed off at the sun for a moment and then fanned himself with his trowel.

"Kind of hot work out here in the sun," I ventured.

demand. "Yes, sorr, only there was wan little ting that stood between me and riches."

"What was that?" I asked.

"We didn't have the same parints," he volunteered. Whereupon he resumed his bricklaying, and I went on speculating sadly upon the strange chances in this lottery called life.—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

WHO IS BOSS?

"The only joke I have ever been able to remember," said the only married man present, "is the one of the youth who asked his father who should be boss, the husband or the wife. 'My son,' replied the wise father, 'take this team of horses and 200 chickens and start out. Wherever you find the wife boss, leave a chick-

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fine big ground hog: where in thunder are you going?"

"I am out looking up some of the lost sheep of Israel," replied the minister.

The young fellow's face lighted up and he exclaimed, "There's a big buck over here at Uncle Billy's, and I'll bet that's one of them."—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

HARD LUCK OF PATSY FINNIGAN.

He was working with trowel and mortar when I first met him and, in spite of his age, seemed to be about as active as any of his four younger associates. Indeed, as I watched him at his labors, it appeared to me that he worked better than they, belonging, perhaps, to a generation of labor, that, instead of doing as little as it could for as much as it could get, believed in the principle of giving every man his due, even a contractor.

"Yes," he answered, cheerfully: "but Ol ain't complainin'. If y'd lever trowd shovellin' snow in a blizzard yea wouldn't foind much to kick about in a noice warrum job Iolk this."

"Been at it a good many years, I suppose," said I.

"Forty-sivin years," he answered. "Good long time that," said I. "Al-most time to retire, I should say—considering your age."

"Ol don't mind workin'," he answered. "It kapes me from t'inkin' about me hard luck."

"Hard luck?" said I. "Have you really had hard luck?"

"Yes," said he, "Ol don't know of anny wan who's had much worse."

"That's too bad," said I.

"Ah, well, he smiled, 'we've got to take it as it comes."

"Lose your money on Wall street?" I queried.

"Not me," he answered. "Ol niver

on; but wherever you find the husband boss, leave one of the horses."

Having disposed of 199 chickens, the son came to a house where both husband and wife stoutly assured him that the husband was the boss.

"Well, then," said the youth, "you make take one of the horses."

"I think I'll take the gray," said the husband, much delighted; whereupon his wife called him aside and talked to him in an undertone. Then the husband returned to the youth and said: "I have changed my mind; I'll take the bay horse."

"Not much, you won't," returned the youth, "you'll take that other chicken."—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

When a man will write a long letter to his family it's a sign he knows he's a marlitt.—New York Press.

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tunity to visit the military academy and his coming is eagerly looked forward to by officers and cadets as an event in West Point history.

It was Lord Kitchener who advised the government of Australia to establish there a military academy patterned after West Point and in pursuance of this suggestion, Col. Bridges of the British army, recently visited the academy and spent a week studying the organization and administration here.

Lord Kitchener probably will go first to New York, where plans are being made for his entertainment by officers on Governor's island and other island fortifications. At West Point he will be given every opportunity to study and inspect the institution from every viewpoint.

NEVER SO GOOD NO MORE.

Ben T. Rice and Hymen Levy, both now dead, were two of the real old Virginia characters in a small Piedmont county seat town. "Ben" was the keeper of the town inn and "Hymen," a genuine Jew, ran a store. "Ben" was noted for profanity, drinking and gambling and telling unbecoming yarns. "Hymen" was a daily visitor at the inn to get his "drum" and at times became thoroughly shocked at "Ben's" outrageous language and manners.

"Ben," one evening, joined the town boys in an exciting game of football, on Main street, became overheated and, cooling off too quickly, went into pneumonia at night. Several physicians attended him, who soon pronounced his case hopeless. A dozen or more of "Ben's" friends, among them Hymen, were standing around the bed, just before "Ben's" spirit took its flight from earth, when "Ben" uttered a long groan and said: "O, Lord, have mercy on me."

At this moment "Hymen" turned his head slowly and remarked, "De God Lord ought to take 'Ben' right now, for he never be so good, no more."—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

When a man aims his prayers at another he always misses the throne of grace.

LAUNCHING OF A NEW DESTROYER

Quincy, Mass., April 9.—First to be launched of the new enlarged type of ocean-going torpedo boat destroyers, the destroyer Perkins was sent down the ways into Fore river today from the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding company.

Mrs. Larz Anderson of Washington christened the boat. The Perkins is named after Mrs. Anderson's father, the late Commodore George H. Perkins.

Unlike previous destroyers, the Perkins will be able to keep at sea with the battleship fleet. Heretofore the little destroyer craft have been unable to venture far from the shore. The Perkins is the first vessel to be fitted with American reversible turbine engines, of which she will have two, capable of developing 8,000 horsepower each. Her boilers, of a new type, will be fed by oil fuel.

MILLIONS FOR ART COLLECTION

New York, April 9.—Disappointing low prices marked the sales yesterday in the Yerkes art collection, in the opinion of experts, although the aggregate of the purchases mounted high.

Thirty Oriental rugs, offered in the afternoon, brought \$285,250, said to be about half the real value. Thirteen pieces of tapestry swelled the afternoon total to \$338,950. Last night's sales amounted to \$165,100, bringing the sales to date up to \$2,034,450.

High prices included \$35,500 for a silk carpet from the Arebbl mosque; \$33,000 for a 40-foot Persian state carpet; \$27,000 for the great mosque carpet of Arebbl; \$12,600 for a Bagdad carpet and \$17,700 for a tapestry, "Vulcan and Venus."

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